(d) whether it is also a fact that Ex-Development Commissioner (PI) is responsible for such a state of affairs and is so what are the details of complaints received against him and what action is proposed to be taken by the Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) The amount available in the Drugs Prices Equalisation Account can be utilised for the purposes stipulated in Para 17(2) of the DPCO, 1979.

(b) to (d) As per the Drug Policy 1986, the provision of retention and pool pricing under the DPCO, 1979, was given up in the DPCO, 1987, towards simplifying and rationalsing the pricing systems.

Effect of customs duty rationalisation on drug production

1300. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2093 given in the Raiya Sabha on the 12th August, 1993 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that customs duty reduction has led to increase in CIF price of the bulk drugs and intermediates, leading to higher outgo of foreign exchange ;

(b) What are the details of such cases which have come to the notice of the Ministry.

(c) whether it is also a fact that this aspect was not deliberately monitored and the instances brought to the notice of the Ministry were not acted upon, as former Development Commissioner (PI) was personally involved in this affair alongwith his relatives ; and

(d) what steps have been taken to inquire into this racket to fix responsbility and also to look into the specific cases where he failed to act ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHTI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (d) Rationalisation of Customs Duty on bulk drugs/ drug intermediates/ raw materials and formulations is done from time to time to ensure easy availability of quality drugs and formulations at reasonable prices in the market and encourage the indigenous industry. To the extent information is available no instance has come to the notice of the Government where the CIF prices of bulk drugs and intermediates has been increased due to impact of custom duty reduction.

बिहार में उर्वरक एजेंसियां

1301. श्री बह्मदेव आनन्द पासवान : क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 31 दिसम्बर, 1993 की स्थिति के अनुसार बिहार में कार्यरत उर्वरक एजेंसियों का ब्यौरा क्या है,

(ख) सहकारी समितियों के अंतर्गत कितनी एजेंसियां कार्य कर रही हैं और दूसरी एजेंसियों की संख्या कितनी है,

(ग) उर्वरक-उत्पादन उद्योगों को उनके उर्वरक उत्पादन पर राजसहायता की कितनी राशि दी जा रही है,

(घ) नाइट्रोजन, फास्फेट और पोटाश पर पृथक-पृथक दी जा रही राज-सहायता का ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(ङ) क्या सरकार मांग और आपूर्ति की स्थिति को ध्यान में रखते हुए लोगों की आवश्यकताओं के अनुरूप वस्तुओं के वितरण के लिए बिहार में नई एजेंसियों को अनुमति प्रदान करने का विचार रखती है, यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री श्री एडुवर्डो फलेरो : (क) और (ख) भारत सरकार किसी राज्य में कार्यरत अभिकरणों के संबंध में न तो नियुक्ति करती है और न ही सूचना रखती है। तथापि, राज्य सरकार द्वारा दी गई सूचना के अनुसार 31-3-1993 की स्थिति के अनुसार